

DOCKET NO: 292376US6PCT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
FRANCOIS BALERAS, ET AL. : EXAMINER: GAMINO, CARLOS J.
SERIAL NO: 10/582,953 :
FILED: JUNE 15, 2006 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1793
FOR: ASSEMBLY OF A COMPONENT :
MOUNTED ON A TRANSFER SURFACE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 20, 2008, Applicants provisionally elect with traverse Group I, drawn to a component and lists Claims 29-42 as readable thereon.

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement for the following reasons.

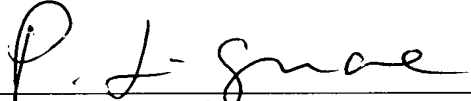
The restriction asserts that one common claimed feature is found in the prior art. However, such a finding does not establish that other common claimed technical features, or combination of claimed technical features, are also disclosed in the prior art. Thus, applicant cannot determine whether or not the group of claimed inventions are linked to form a single inventive concept with a special technical feature that defines the contribution which each claimed invention, *considered as a whole*, makes over the prior art. See MPEP 1893.03(d).

Application No. 10/582,953
Reply to Office Action of October 20, 2008

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the requirement to elect a single disclosed invention be reconsidered and withdrawn,¹ and that a full examination on the merits of Claims 29-56 be conducted.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. J. Signore", is written over a horizontal line.

Philippe J.C. Signore, Ph.D.
Attorney of Record
Registration No. 43,922

Customer Number
22850

Tel: (703) 413-3000
Fax: (703) 413 -2220
(OSMMN 08/07)

¹See MPEP 821.01.